

Arlington Recycling Committee
Minutes of 3/5/15

PRESENT Co-Chair Juli Brazile; Co-Chair Gordon Jamieson, Recycling Coordinator Charlotte Milan, Ellen Callaway, Karen Einstein, Susan Stamps, Larry Slotnick, Pete Howard

MINUTES of 2/5/15 approved.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT: Charlotte discussed her monthly report (Ref 1). The data from Jan & Feb arrived too late to include. She reports being very busy organizing EcoFest. Most other efforts at DPW have been preempted by snow & ice.

UPDATES

Meeting w/ DPW Director was a good exchange of views. He was reluctant to commit to a goal w/o a plan to reach that goal. Gordon offered to work with Charlotte to develop a plan. Gordon's draft is attached (Ref 2). There is a 6/10 deadline for the DEP grant submission.

FinCom Presentation: Presentation made by Juli & Gordon. Some edgy questions asked. Budget approved as requested.

Business Recycling: Juli will follow up with Human Services.

MEMBERSHIP: Pete has resigned his seat as required by the Town Manager Act. He will continue to work with the ARC unofficially. Karen, Larry agreed to join. Juli to contact Erika.

ECOFEST : Final preparations. Juli will have various handouts. Pete's answer board is ready. Karen provided a draft multiple choice sheet (Ref 3). She received many suggestions both on the sheet and on the process. We will direct people to Ellen's photo exhibit. Staffing for the ARC table was decided 10 AM to 2 PM.

APR 16 ART SHOW RECEPTION. Ellen has procured steel panels. She will mount the prints on the panels w/ magnet strips. Some are already hanging. She has had large format post cards printed showing one of her photos. Town Meeting member addresses available from Town Clerk. There will be a mailing gathering on 3/23 at 7 PM perhaps in the Town Hall. Gordon will reach out to Senator Donnelly, inviting him and asking for his suggestions on publicity. For the reception, there will be a greeter in the lobby and another upstairs.

APR 6 TRUE STORY THEATER/SUSTAINABLE ARLINGTON (ENVIRONMENT THEME) To be advertised at EcoFest.

COMMUNITY COLLECTION DAY May 9 To be advertised at EcoFest.

TOURS To be advertised at EcoFest.

PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES (not discussed):

Advocate Articles: Larry: See something, Say something	[12/01/14]
Gordon, 2014 Summary article/Collaborative composting	[01/01/15]
Erika: Life Cycle Issues	[Date TBD]

NEXT MEETING 4/2- Meetings held 1st Thursday monthly at 7:30 PM in Town Hall Annex 1st Floor

Ref 1 Coordinator's Report

Ref 2 Suggested Recycling Long Range Plan

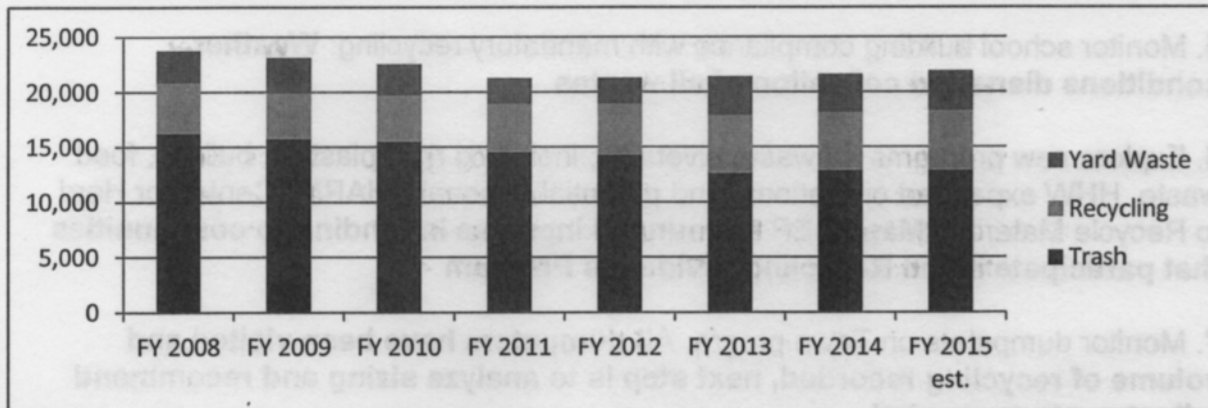
Ref 3 Win Win a Kickstand Fling

Ref 1

Arlington Municipal Solid Waste Tonnage by Waste Category

Subtracting
the 25% of
our waste
that is food

	Trash	Recycling	Yard Waste	Mass MSW Master Plan	Arlington Goal	
FY 2008	16,232	4,639	2,881			
FY 2009	15,740	4,165	3,216	Baseline MSW - 2008	16,232 tons-START	12,174
FY 2010	15,493	4,244	2,799			
FY 2011	14,538	4,395	2,332	in FY14 we are @	12,846 tons	9,635 tons
FY 2012	14,248	4,652	2,381	(30%) by 2020	11,362 tons	8,522
FY 2013	12,603	5,278	3,503	(80%) by 2050	3,246 tons	2,435
FY 2014	12,846	5,271	3,488	Conclusion: to reach 2020 goal we need to reduce		
FY 2015 est.	12,869	5,448	3,601	trash by another 1,500 tons.		



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Monthly Totals

Month SW Tons Rec Ton: YW Tons ARC Expense Report

Month	SW Tons	Rec Ton:	YW Tons	Date	Purchase	Cost proj.
Jan. 2014	1,086	478	135	7/1/2014	Start	
Feb.	880	350	0	11/16/2014	Foam	250
March	970	402	0	11/16/2014	Rigid bulk	200
April	1,131	460	374	5/9/2015-proj.	Foam Recycling	250
May	1,148	441	411	5/9/2015-proj.	Rigid bulk	200
June	1,081	481	270			
July	1,149	463	312			
August	1,032	413	217	Model CCD annual budget- per event		
September	1,163	439	248	Paper shredding	500	
October	1,116	495	447	Foam collection	250	
November	972	476	1072	Rigid plastic	200	
December	1,141	550	115	TOTAL	\$950	
January	Not available					
Projected	12,869	5448	3,601			

DPW RC Action Priorities - update

1. Increase curbside monitoring of program compliance: **Charting data from 2014 reveals winter decrease in enforcement by JRM**
2. Build on public space recycling opportunities/programs: **Equipment has been reviewed, schedule and cost estimates underway**
3. Improve compliance and appearance of waste collection on Mass Ave, including business compliance with orange bag program
4. Continue public outreach through media and website publication: **EcoFest has been a significant focus this past month**
5. Monitor school building compliance with mandatory recycling: **Weather conditions disrupted collection of all wastes**
6. Explore new programs for waste diversion, including rigid plastics, bulkies, food waste, HHW expanded operations, and potential regional CHARM (Center for Hard to Recycle Material): **Mass DEP announced increase in funding to communities that participate in the Recycling Dividends Program**
7. Monitor dumpsters on Town progra: **All dumpsters have been visited and volume of recycling recorded, next step is to analyze sizing and recommend adjustments as needed.**
8. Organics awareness: **Rot and Roll community event planned for May 7, 2015**

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August	1,032	413	217		
September	1,183	439	248		
October	1,119	492	447		
November	872	478	1072		
December	1,141	850	115		
January	Not available				
Projected	12,889	5448	3,801		

FY2015	RDP \$\$\$	Tip Savings	Revenue
YW + HHW	0		
FY2016			
YW + HHW	\$12,000		
CHARM + Bulkies	\$12,000		TBD
Food (Pilot Prep)	\$8,000		
FY2017			
YW + HHW	\$12,000		
CHARM + Bulkies	\$12,000		
Food (Pilot Prep)	\$8,000		
Food (400HH)	\$4,000	\$3,000	TBD
FY2018			
YW + HHW	\$12,000		
CHARM + Bulkies	\$12,000		
Food (Pilot Prep)	\$8,000		
Food (800HH)	\$4,000	\$6,000	TBD
FY2019			
YW + HHW	\$12,000		
CHARM + Bulkies	\$12,000		
Food (Pilot Prep)	\$8,000		
Food (1200HH)	\$4,000	\$9,000	TBD
FY2020			
YW + HHW	TBD		
CHARM + Bulky + Food + SMART	TBD	TBD	TBD

Win Win a Kickstand Fling!

Gift certificate raffle

answer all of the following correctly and you will be entered into the ARC raffle!

How are the following best recycled? (circle the correct answer, in some cases there may be more than one answer . . . circle as many as are correct)

1. Plastic shopping bags
 - a) put them in the recycling bin for the weekly pickup
 - b) return them to Market Basket, Stop and Shop or Whole Foods
 - c) reuse them to cover your bike seat on rainy days when you're at work
2. Dry cleaning bags and hangers
 - a) place them in the recycling bins for weekly curbside pickup
 - b) ask your cleaner if they participate in a recycling program, if so, leave the waste with them
 - c) plastic can be brought to the plastic bag recycling bin at Whole Foods and hangers can be dropped off at metal collection at community collection day
3. just about anything with a plug (e-waste)
 - a) drop it off at the DPW (Grove St) during normal business hours (free!) (Computer monitors, TVs and CRTs accepted in exchange for a small fee)
 - b) Check with your local elementary school for fund-raising events, they love the stuff
 - c) Some retailers (such as Best Buy) accept and recycle many bits of e-waste for free
4. fluorescent and compact fluorescent light bulbs (contain mercury)
 - a) okay for weekly curbside recycling
 - b) Bring to Shattuck's Hardware (Mill St, just off Arlington Center) or Wannamaker's Hardware (Mass Ave, Arlington Heights)
 - c) Drop off at DPW (Grove St) during regular business hours
5. Rechargeable batteries, camera button batteries
 - a) these can go into the regular trash
 - b) these should be placed in the recycling bins for weekly curbside pickup
 - c) these should be brought to the DPW (Grove St)